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MEMORANDUM FOR: Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D.
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FROM: James W. Balsiger, Ph.D. 
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SUBJECT: Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Input to the President's
Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force

This memo transmits the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee's (MAFAC) input on the development of a National Policy for Oceans, Coasts, and the Great Lakes (Attachment 1), pursuant to President Obama's Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force Memorandum of June 12, 2009.

Background:

At its May 2009 meeting the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) continued deliberations on the future of fisheries and ocean policy by organizing presentations and conducting discussions on ocean governance and marine spatial planning. Attachment 2, transition briefing paper for new administration, and Attachment 3, May 2009 meeting report, are provided as references.

A working group of members was formed to continue work this summer on evaluation of different ocean governance models for consideration by the full Committee at its November 2009 meeting. However, coincident with the creation of President Obama's Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force on June 12, 2009, MAFAC redirected the working group to prepare input to the Task Force on a national ocean policy and the use of marine spatial planning. Materials were prepared, reviewed by the entire Committee, and approved in a special meeting of MAFAC held on August 11, 2009.

Attachments (3)



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